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SUBJ: FIRST UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON COTTON, JUNE 20-24

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1. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL, DE BLOEME
IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE FOR ECONOMIC
COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOLD E/C COUNSELOR MAY
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A. GON WILL BE REPRESENTED BY DE BLOEME AND ONE OF HIS
ASSISTANTS. INDUSTRY EXPERT WILL NOT ATTEND BECAUSE
OF OTHER COMMITMENT.

B. IN PRINCIPLE GON FAVORS INTERNATIONAL COTTON AGREEMENT

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(ICA) THAT WOULD SEEK TO STABILIZE INTERNATIONAL PRICES.
GON WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THOSE MEASURES (SUVH AS BUFFER
STOCKS AND/OR QUOTAS) AS WOULD BE FOUND NECESSARY AND
GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO STABILIZE MARKET.

C. GON REGARDS INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(ICAC) AS OF LIMITED USEFULNESS AND BELIEVES THAT USEFULNESS
WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY DECLINE (MUCH AS HAS ROLE OF TIN STUDY

GROUP) IF ICA WERE TO BECOME MORE OF A REALITY BUT ALSO BELIEVES ICAC PROBABLY SHOULD SURVIVE UNTIL ICA IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING EFFECTIVELY.

2. DE BLOEME SAID GON SUPPORT FOR ICA REFLECTS BOTH POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND RAPID DECLINE OF IMPORTANCE OF DUTCH COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY. HE ADMITTED THAT EC, WHICH HAS YET TO PREPARE FINAL GUIDANCE FOR JUNE 20-24 CONFERENCE, MAY LIMIT MANDATE SOMEWHAT MORE THAN WOULD GON BUT EXPECTS TO HAVE RELATIVE FREE HAND TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR ICA. HE CONFIDED THAT HE INTENDS TO SUGGEST THAT 20-24 CONFERENCE SHOULD AT LEAST CREATE A STUDY GROUP TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR ESTABLISHING WORKABLE ICA AND WOULD ALSO PROPOSE THAT AS STARTER STUDY GROUP SHOULD COMB THROUGH TWO BASIC REPOTS PREPARED FOR ICAC WHICH HAVE BEEN GATHERING DUST SINCE 1953-54;

(1) QUOTE REPORT ON AN INTERNATIONAL COTTON AGREEMENT BY STANDING COMMITTEE TO THE TWELFTH PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DOC. 6 XII SECOND, WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 1953 END QUOTE AND

(2) QUOTE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON AN INTERNATIONAL COTTON AGEEMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION OF XIII PLENARY MEETING, DOC. 9 XIII SAO PAULO JUNE 1954 END QUOTE
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